

Minutes, Standing Committee on Rules, Sept. 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:40 PM. Members present were: Teri Banerjee, Archie Lyon, Don Chute, Gloria Geller and Joel Winett. There was a motion to accept the Minutes of July 11, 2005 by Joel Winett and second by Archie Lyon. The vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention

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Old Business

A. There was a motion by Don Chute and second by Gloria Geller to accept "Rules and Procedures for the Standing Committee on Rules for 2005". The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

B. Follow up:

- Finance Committee and Capital Budget Committee are full but there are vacancies on the Government Study Committee. Decided to take no action.
- Don Chute reported that he had mailed out 9 letters to precinct chairs that have no representation on the Rules Committee. He didn't receive any responses. After some discussion, there was a motion by Joel Winett and second by Don Chute to invite all the standing committee chairs to our November 7 meeting to discuss membership, mission of the standing committees and attendance at meetings. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- Articles that were passed by Town Meeting that require a report back to Town Meeting have been neglected. Joel Winett will prepare a list of articles that are in this category and present it at our next meeting.
- Bob Berman from the Technology Advisory Committee was our guest and he reported that his committee has not found a system that would meet the requirements for electronic voting at town meeting. There is a system in the statehouse in Boston that cost \$160,000. He suggested asking local companies if they would be willing to do some investigation into this, Don Chute agreed to contact Bose Corp.

New Business

- Materials placed on the Information Table. What happens to the material that has been given to Town Clerk and the Moderator? Is it filed in the Town Clerk's office and does the Moderator keep a file of his copies?
- Required article information should be placed on the Information Table 1 day before action is taken on the article. First night could be used to hear required reports on passed articles. Is this a Rules Committee issue? It was tabled to a future meeting.

There was motion to adjourn at 9:20 by Gloria Geller and second by Don Chute. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Chute, Clerk